

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## General Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

### Call to Order

Emily Weaver, President

Emily called the meeting to order at 7pm.

She congratulated the Color Guard on a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the O'Fallon Township Competition. And, a great 1<sup>st</sup> competition for our marching band.

Thank you to several...Amy Prinster for a great Middle School Night, Event Staff and Pit Crew for the many hands that helped at the O'Fallon Township Competition.

### Approval of the Minutes

Char Helmick, Secretary

Char thanked Colleen Chruma for helping take the minutes in August. She asked everyone to review the attached August minutes. She noted that a name correction had been previously identified and corrected in the attached August minutes. There was a motion to accept them made by Jessica Cabezudo and seconded by Charles Kulage. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Wayne Prinster, Treasurer

Wayne presented the budget and reviewed several of the line items with current activity.

There was a motion to accept the budget made by Karen Basford, and seconded by Dan Moore. The motion passed.

### Vice President's Report

Sherri Brown, Vice President

Sherri reminded group that she is sending FFC statements on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. There are currently 30 students with a balance. Emails and written mail are being sent to those families. She requested that each family please respond to those notifications and notify her of their plan to complete the balance.

### Directors' Report

Rob Stegeman

Rob was not in attendance due to Barnwell Middle School Parent/Teacher Conference night. He provided Emily with written notes. The notes were accidentally removed from the agenda notes at the meeting. Emily read some of the highlights of those notes, including the upcoming competition in Ozark, MO, STLMetro8 Honor Band, Upcoming Jazz and Symphonic Band performances, Assistant band director and group pictures. Mr Stegeman's notes will be attached in full to the end of this meeting minutes.

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### Committee Reports:

#### **Symphonic and Concert Band**

**Stefanie Fairless**

No Report. From Mr. Stegeman's notes, Symphonic Band to be showcase at Vet's day on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> (the 11<sup>th</sup> is a SAT)

#### **Jazz Band**

**Guy Argent**

No Report. From Mr. Stegeman's notes, Jazz Band to play with the Gateway Big Band on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at Brewskees.

#### **Guard**

**Debbie Winkle**

Winter Guard try-outs are tentatively scheduled for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, in the small gym 6-8pm. Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm will be Parent Meeting.

#### **Pit/Visual/Maintenance**

**Chip Crow**

Chip thanked the many hands that have helped with the on/off field at the football games and O'fallon competition. He noted that the box truck is filled to the max. Shelves have been built and are working well. He also requested assistance in loading the vehicles Friday night Oct 29<sup>th</sup> prior to the Ozark competition. With the anticipated early start on Saturday, the trucks will be loaded on Friday night.

#### **Social/Publicity/ Historian**

**Tammy Siem**

Tammy informed that the tentative date for the Winter Formal is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Several in attendance noted this is the same night as the choir dinner theatre and winter guard will be out of town for competition. Another date will be considered.

#### **Forms**

**Colleen Chroma**

Colleen noted everything has been turned into the AD office. There are still a few overnight forms that have not been completed. Those forms need completed ASAP and turned into Mr. Stegeman for those students to participate in the out of town Ozark competition.

#### **Band Camp**

**Misty Bradbury, Julie Perry**

No Report

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### **Uniforms**

**Kate Statzer**

Kate informed that all uniforms are in and all have been washed. Yellow shirts are washed after each event. She thanked Amy Prinster for assisting in hemming several uniform pants. She needs 2 more helpers for the Ozark competition as some of her helpers are not able to travel to the event. If you can help, email her at [uniforms@fhnbands.com](mailto:uniforms@fhnbands.com)

### **Middle School Communication**

**Amy Prinster**

Great turn out to our Middle School Night! 45 MS students were in attendance. Thank you to all those who helped and welcomed these MS students and their parents.

### **Senior Committee**

**Mark & Janet Schneider**

Senior lounge was set up at the O'Fallon competition. Seniors seemed to enjoy it. Smoothie's were served. Senior parents were invited to stay for a meeting after the booster meeting to discuss additional plans for future events.

### **Event Support**

**Christie Kolath, Kristi Gordon**

Kristi reported that several have asked about donations for events. Water bottles are always accepted for donation. She also will be asking for dessert donations at competitions. She reminded that there will be several opportunities for dessert donations. A reminder that all donations need to be nut free. She discussed meals at the overnight Ozark competition. When an official itinerary is given, the meals will be confirmed. She anticipated a light snack breakfast to be handed to students to take on the bus on Saturday morning, lunch will be served after arriving to town, dinner will be pizza at the competition and Sunday morning a continental type breakfast will be served prior to leaving the school.

### **Fundraising**

**Vicky Balleydier**

Jessica reported for Vicky. Thank you was given to Vicky for all her work so far this season! The Three Family Fundraiser brought in \$250. Battle of the Bands> FHHS took the lead at the end of the fundraiser for the 1<sup>st</sup> place finish, but Knightpride raised \$3055 (at present count) through the fundraiser. Sno cone/Cookie booth has raised \$450 so far this football season. They will be selling individual pies at the Homecoming football game. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered at the Sno cone booth. TJ Pizza Kick off is today September 19<sup>th</sup>. Forms need to be turned in Tuesday,

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October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7-8pm. (turn in at Scrip pickup at McClay Library. Payment is collected when the order is placed. Cash or checks accepted- checks made out to FHNBB).

Delivery Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, in the band room. This is an excellent fundraiser 40% goes directly to the individual FFC. Any questions, contact Vicky Balleydier, fundraising@fhnbands.com

### Family Arena

**Scott Kolath**

Christie reported Allen Jackson was a great event for the group earning \$250. Scott wanted a shout out to Brenda for helping him count the drawer and Char for sending the email quickly over the holiday weekend. There are 3 events requested in October. The 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Scott will send out more info, if any of these dates are given to the group. Char also reminded those interested in Family Arena volunteer opportunities, respond to Scott's emails directly. Several are still replying to the emails sent and those return to the secretary email, not Scott's. Scott's contact info is always located at the end of the email.

### Logos

**Anne Perry**

Show shirt re-order is in. Reminder on the band website there is a direct link to "Trading Post" the online store for band attire. These make great Birthday and Christmas gifts. At the booster meeting, Anne was selling additional stock. \$8 yellow staff T-shirts and \$5 white polo shirt.

### Overnight Trip

**Tracy Hansen**

Tracy identified that many details are still awaiting confirmation of student location. She will need to meet with the chaperone volunteers after the meeting to get a list contact info. Once confirmation of location is given, additional info will be sent with a list of items to bring.

### Scrip

**Matt Temper**

Matt reminded the group that our next booster meeting will be pushed out a week due to fall break. He is not changing the Scrip dates. They will stay the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in October. Both will be held at the McClay library.

### **New Business:**

FHSD Strategic Planning Meeting @ FHN- October 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

Music in Motion- Kelly Bogda spoke regarding MIM details

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There are currently 8 bands. This is a “all hand on deck” event. Both students and parents will be asked to participate and volunteer to make this a successful event. There will be opportunity to volunteer on Friday night for set up and Saturday during the competition. This year competition has been moved to earlier times. First band will compete in prelim at 9am, 2:30pm is the anticipated start for finals. Knightpride will perform @ 5pm. This earlier time is due to BOA competition the same weekend and will give bands the opportunity to go watch finals after competing in MIM.

There will be sign-ups to come for volunteer assignments and times.

Moore family will be in-charge of the concession. They have already begun to prepare for this event. Dan noted that there will be breakfast food for AM volunteers.

Ads- attached to the agenda was a flier. Additional flier can be found on the band website. There are multiple sponsor levels. All ad sales are due by Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Reminder that 1/3 of the sales goes directly to FFC. A great way to earn funds for your personal FFC.

Senior parents need to respond to Emily’s email with Senior info ASAP. The deadline for this is also Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Dates:

- Homecoming- September 22nd, 6:35pm performance
- Springfield, MO- September 30th/October 1st
- Washington Festival- October 7th
- Senior Night FB game- October 13th
- Fort Zumwalt North- October 14th
- Music in Motion- October 21st • Francis Howell HS- October 28th

### Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. This is later than normal due to fall break.

The meeting adjourned at with a motion made by Chip Crow and seconded by Tracy Hansen. The motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Char Helmick.

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### Director's Notes

9/19/17

Overnight – I just received all of the info including schedule. I will get on writing a detailed itinerary for us asap. Willard told me last week “no” so I have been scrambling to find a venue. Right now, it is looking like Hollister is the best fit. Same distance from the venue, and will allow us to rehearse there in the morning. Still working on this. Would be great for a team to plan some activities for the venue, like popcorn and a movie or something. I will cover all other details in the itinerary.

Music in Motion – Welcome email is going out to directors on Friday. Let me know any additional info we need from them. I will build a GForm to get all necessary info. These are all new bands, so we have one shot to keep them coming back.

Marching Band - Things are going extremely well! We got a great score at MEMC and were only 7 points behind the leader. Tough competition! We finished our show yesterday and have been adjusting our drill to adjust to some great judges comments. The kids have been fantastic in this process. In DCI (Pro Marching Bands) this happens all of the time. Most high schools are not able to adjust mid season because the kids are not comfortable enough with the field or their visuals. Between our amazing staff and students they are able to change and adapt our show to make it even better! Always dreamed of having a group like that!

Ozark is a tough contest! Lot's of great bands that are on the BOA circuit are there! I can't wait for our kids to show their stuff and witness the amazing things happen in the band world.

Concert & Jazz – STLMetro8 Honor Band available. Concert and Sym have packets ready. Jazz available online & Argent is making packets. Students need to prepare with urgency.

Jazz to play with the Gateway Big Band on Nov 5th at Brewskees. More details to come.  
Symphonic Band to be showcase at Vet's Day on Nov 10th (the 11th is a Sat).

Admin – We are getting close to getting an assistant band director. I need your help putting positive pressure on our admin to make this happen. Some talking points are 1) sometimes Stegeman is forced to be alone with 100+ students. 2) all other sports have less kids and more coaches. 3) Now that middle school is involved we need more instructors to be able to reduce time conflicts ie Pep Assemblies, recruitment days, professional development, etc.

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Pictures – Still working on finding a good time for a reschedule.

Personal – Please understand that NO ONE cares or worries about the well being of this program more than I do. Every happening both positive and negative that happens to this program is dealt with the utmost attention and care. I sacrifice a lot for this program, not because I am forced to, but because I love it. Please be patient when there are issues, IE our away trip. Please also be patient with details and schedules. I received my info for Ozark yesterday. I receive one hour a day to plan. I assure you, I never sit on information and withhold it from you.

You all don't need to stress so much. That is my job! Relax and enjoy the ride. I assure you, all is being taken care of. There is a lot about this job that you don't get to see. We are in an amazing place, growing and getting better everyday both in musical excellence and process. I hope to see you at the end of the meeting!

Positives – MEMC had it's bumps logistically, BUT NOT because of our parent volunteers and our kids! On that end of things, it was smooth sailing. Thank you all so much for your dedication, work ethic, and the support of the staff, and most importantly, the kids.

Rob